

NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

A.R.S. § 32-1501

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**Board of Naturopathic Physicians
Examiners Fund**

**FY 1998
Actual**

**FY 1999
Estimate**

**FY 2000
Approved**

**FY 2001
Approved**

FTE Positions	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0
Personal Services	53,800	66,000	80,900	85,400
Employee Related Expenditures	11,600	12,500	15,000	16,000
Professional and Outside Services	18,100	24,300	35,800	31,700
Travel - In State	0	300	2,000	2,000
Other Operating Expenditures	5,700	9,300	15,800	16,500
Equipment	3,500	4,000	0	0
Operating Subtotal	92,700	116,400	149,500	151,600
Examination Writing	11,000	0	7,900 ^{1/}	0
Total	103,700	116,400	157,400	151,600
Additional Appropriations - Naturopathic Board, Ch. 308	0	50,000	0	0
Total Appropriations	103,700	166,400	157,400 ^{2/3/4/}	151,600 ^{3/}

Agency Description — *The board licenses and regulates physicians and medical assistants who practice naturopathic medicine; certifies physicians to dispense natural remedies; and accredits and approves naturopathic medical schools, internships, and programs. Naturopathic medicine is a system of medical diagnosis and treatment based on the use of natural remedies and non-invasive methods. This agency is one of several, housed within the State Boards' Office, contracting with the Department of Administration for administrative services.*

Salary Increases — The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$5,900 for a salary increase for the secretary and \$4,700 for a salary increase for the Executive Director. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Increased Complaints — The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$5,700 for the board to handle the increased level of complaints against its licensees. The increase will fund investigative services, medical consultants and court reporting services. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Annual Directory — The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$4,700 for the board to print its annual directory. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$700 for additional directories and related postage costs.

Professional and Outside Services — The approved amount includes \$3,600 in FY 2000 for the rule writing services of a law clerk and \$800 for examination administration expenditures. In FY 2001, this amount is

reduced by \$(3,600) due to one-time services of the law clerk.

Board Members — The approved FY 2000 amount includes \$6,200 for board member travel and per diem. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$3,000 for board member per diem.

State Boards' Office — The approved amount includes \$1,400 in FY 2000 for increased expenditures generated by the State Boards' Office, which provides office space and equipment, as well as accounting and clerical services to the board. In FY 2001, this amount is reduced by \$(500) due to a reduction in State Boards' Office costs.

Other Operating Expenditures — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$1,400 for telephone expenditures, \$400 for computer training classes, and the one-time decrease of \$(4,000) for the FY 1999 purchase of a computer and printer. The funding

^{1/} The \$7,900 appropriated for Examination Writing in FY 2000 shall not be transferred to any other area of the board's budget without the prior review of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{2/} This appropriation is available for use pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-143.01C and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2001. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{3/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

^{4/} Of the appropriated amount, \$5,900 reverts to the Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical Examiners Fund in each year if the Department of Administration does not reclassify the secretary position. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

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for the telephone expenditures and the computer training classes is continued in FY 2001.

Examination Writing — The approved FY 2000 amount includes one-time funding of \$7,900 for additional exam questions. The board members are responsible for creating and administering their own licensing examination. Of this amount, \$2,400 is for a new Clinical Medical Competency section.

Additional Appropriations: Naturopathic Board (Chapter 308) — This bill appropriates \$50,000 in FY 1999 from the Board of Naturopathic Physician Examiners Fund for the purpose of inspecting schools of naturopathic medicine. One FTE Position is included in the appropriation. The board will report its inspection expenditures to the JLBC at the end of each fiscal year. All unexpended funds will be reverted to the Board of Naturopathic Physicians Examiners Fund on July 1, 2001.

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